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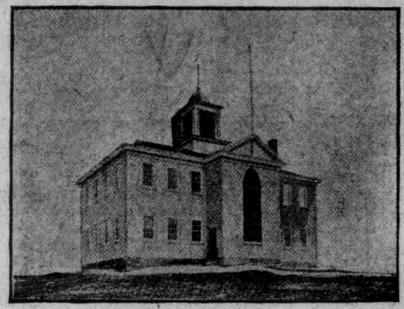
Fourth Annual Held at Famous School Building with Prominont Speakers Taking Part in Exercises-Officers Elected for Next Year-Reception in Evening.

A glorious day, crowned by a most successful and enjoyable meeting of the Plainfield Academy Slumni association drew visitors from all over the country to Plainfield on Thursday. This was the fourth meeting of the association, these being held every two years. There were a large number of teachers of the old academy in attendance and a pleasant hour was spent in the old stone building on the hill renewing old acquaintances and hunting up classmates.

Business Meeting.

The business meeting followed, being called to order by President Frank H. Tillinghast at 11.30 a. m. This was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles Spalding, D.D. of Boston. The secretary, Mrs. A. L. Johnson, read the minutes of the last meeting and also the by-laws of the association.

Mrs. P. Cross of Providence, Mrs. A. L. Noyes, Dr. G. M. Minor and Winslow B. Gallup were appointed a committee on nominations. The presi-



PLAINFIELD ACADEMY.

thanks to the teachers under whom he studied there. Of the 400 names of persons known to be eligible to the association, thirty-five have passed away since its organization—eleven being missed from their places since the hist meeting in 1907. He spoke affectionately of these absent ones and a committee consisting of Rev. Frank A. Fuller of Norwich Town, Mrs. Winsiow G. Ballup and Mrs. Halsey Clarke were appointed to frame y Clarke were appointed to frame solutions of respect from the asso-

Offivers Elected.

The report of the nominating com-nities was accepted and the officers lected as follows: President, Watter elected as follows: President, Walter L. Palmer of Medway, Mass.: first vice president, Lucien Burielgh of Troy, N. Y.: second vice president, Miss. Sarah Averill of Worcester, Mass.: secretary, Mrs. A. L. Johnson of Plainfield: treasurer, Miss Annie L. Tillinghast of Plainfield: board of managers, Mrs. Clara A. Hill, Mrs. Alice H. Noyes, George H. Hyde of New York aand Rev. Frank A. Fuller. New York aand Rev. Frank A. Fuller.

Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was given by Miss Tillinghast and showed the asso-

ation brought up the discussion upon additions to this nucleus and resulted in the appointment of a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Charles Spalding of Boston, Hon, George J. Corey of Brooklyn, N. Y., Charles P. Cogs-wel lof Norwich, Henry Dorrance-and Mrs. A. L. Johnson, to confer with the trustees of the Benedict library in regard to placing books belonging to the association in the library.

of the Massachusetts superior court, of Waltham, Mass., regretting his absence was read by the president.
Judge Bond wrote that Plainfield peo-ple ought, to take pride and interest in the fact that the inhabitants of that locality ctarly showed such a practical interest in the cause of education. In 1770 the leading men of the fown formed an association "for the purpose of providing improved facilities for the more complete education of the worth of this vicinity." They ties for the more complete education of the youth of this vicinity." They erected a brick school house, procured teachers of a higher grade, established a mor thorough system of instruction in common neglish branches, but were unable at that time to organize a classical department. Isaac Coit, who died in 1776 left a legacy, "the annual interest of which was to be applied to the maintenance of a Latin or grammar school in the new brick school house in Plainfield," and in 1778 a classical department was organized. Plainfield academy was among the first institutions of the kind in New England. In 1825 the site for the present stone building was given by Mrs. Lydia Parlan and other public spirited residents subscribed public spirited residents subscribed funds for the erection of the stone building. Judge Bond was a pupil there in 1857. A discussion in regard to the destruction of this old building became quite animated and showed plainly that no member of the

there in 1857. A discussion in regard to the destruction of this old building became quite animated and showed plainly that no member of the association would entertain such an idea, but would fight for its preservation.

Banquet Served.

Adjournment was mode to the church where a banquet was served by the Ladies' Aid society at 1.30 p. m. Lyon's orchestra furnished music. Divine blessing was asked by Rev. Frank A. Fuller and at the close all joined in singing Auld Lang Syne.

The aftermoon exercises were held on the lawn in front of the church—the whole company being photographed there. There were several noted and extremely interesting speakers who upheld the credit of the association and reflected glory upon the old academy.

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He responded with the recitation of poem. The Three Warnings, by Madme Thrayle, most approciate to the Rev. Dr. Charles Spalding of Boston

Rev. Dr. Charles Spalding of the Baptist house in Tremont Temple. Boston, spoke of the debt of immeasurable gratitipde he owed to Plainfield academy. This was the spring board from which he took the plunge into the ocean of life, the beginning of things, the first quest for knowledge, the learning the value of books the

dent's address contained a greeting to all present, a humorous recollection of his first visit to ten academy as a children in the northern part of the town and the re-establishment of the little red schoolhouse in certain localities, strong character is often developed there. Of the 400 names of schools. Though two new educational advantages have come to Plainfield ties. Strong character is often developed more casily in these small schools. Though two new educational advantages have come to Plainfield lately, there is still work to be done in the outlying districts, and persons here who can accomplish what they set about. An original poem by Mrs. Fanny Phipps Clarke of Waterbury gave the story of the day and the author in a clever way and was received with enthusiasm.

America, Vesterday, Today and To-

Hon. George J. Covey, former United States consul at Armsterdam, now of Brooklyn, N. Y. spoke interestingly of America of yesterday, today and tomorrow. He traced the little red schoolhouse from its line of houses in 1526 from Amsterdam to Rome across the seas in the Mayflower and all over New England. In 1779 George Washington knew of Plainfield academy, which was the greatest one in Confecticut. Hon. Mr. Covey lectures in knowledge and love for George Washington, Lincoln and others. These people from all nations must be taught patriotism, and one of the best ways to do it is to keep the flag flying over the schoolhouse. America is the school of the whole world. The improvements of the posts there are a head only the control of the whole world. The improvements and sniff contemptously, but if the control of the posts there are a head only the control of the whole world. The improvements the schoolhouse. America is the school of the whole world. The improvements of the past thirty years have done much to unify the nation—north, south, and sniff contemplously, but if they do it's because they have never faced the appointment of a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Charles Spalding of Boston, Hon, George J. Cores well for Norwich, Henry Dorrance and Mrs. A. L. Johnson, to confer with the trustees of the Benedict library in regard to placing books belonging to the association in the library.

Judge Bond's Letter.

A letter from Judge Daniel W. Bond of the Massachusetts superior court, of Waltham, Mass., regretting his absence for a fair start. They are all eager to learn. He spoke of the importance of Plainfield academy—more to him than the degrees of three or four universities—the foundation of his education and compared it with the to him than the degrees of three or four universities—the foundation of his education and compared it with the University of Leyden, small in size but wonderful in achievement in the pro-duction of sturdy character. It must be preserved.

Changes in Plainfield. Frank A. Fuller spoke of the material changes in the town of Plain-field, of new and wonderful machinery and methods and products, but nothing

and methods and products, but nothing when compared to the products of the old stone factory on the hill which twrned out men as its product. Environment counts in character building and what an inspiring atmosphere in old Plainfield! The instructors, too, did their best with the material at hand and he paid high tribute to their noble lives and the high ideals they set before their pupils.

Rev. Michael Toomey of Portland, Me., though not a graduate, said that he felt like the Irishman who said, when asked what he'd be if he wasn't an Irishman, that he'd be ashamed of himself. He ought to have graduated from Plainfield. However, if Plainfield academy had produced none other than Dr. Spaidling it would have done its work. He was the one man above the others at the meeting in Portland. In former days boys went to the academy with a purpose. What they learned

fect day!

Miss Mary Gay Robinson and Winslow B. Gallup were called upon for short speeches, and letters of regret from lifteen other distinguished alumni were read by the secretary.

Rev. Henry T. Arnold of Norwich, formerly of Plaintield, spoke a few words of appreciation of the value of the occasion and eternal life of these fundamentals which grew here for 125 years.

Several musical selections were giv-en by Lyon's orchestra during the af-ternoon, and the exercises closed with America and the benediction by Rev. Mr. Balcom of Plainfield.

the learning the value of books, the introduction to the fellowship of scholars—renewed today—and to the art opera house was an enjoyable affair, and method of independent thinking. The musical programme included a piano solo by Mrs. William Adams of needs today in independent and in-Reception in Evening.

Mr. Cash. The orchestra are William Malone, first violin; Edward Smith, viola: George Furness, bass; Fred N. Cash, trombone; David E. Livingstone, elarionet, of Norwich, and Edward Lyon, cornet, of Plainfield.

Those attending from Norwich were Mrs. Mary F. C. Burstow, Charles P. Cogswell, Mrs. Ansel A. Beckwith, Miss Mary A. C. Avery, Rev. and Mrs. Henry T. Arnold, from Norwich Town, Rev. and Mrs. Frank A. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Avery, Dwight W. Avery.

A few short months ago the legis-lature was eulogizing the character of Gov. Lilley and professing admiration for his plans. How sincere its talk was is shown by its own record of re-pudiation of nearly every measure that he so strenuously advocated. It is a mighty poor tribute to the memory of an honest man and loyal citizen.— Bristol Press.

Will Have Little Effect. The improvement of Mr. Taft's golf scores will not reduce the Afdrich tariff rates on any of the accessories of life.—N. Y. World.

Rose by Another Name

From the revised list of Roosevelt trophles it appears that the 'dig dig" really is a "dik dik." It will be welcomed just the same by a grateful and curious people.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Hardest Job. It is no boy's play to be taxidermist-in-chief to Roosevelt. Three-ton hip-pos must take a deal of stuffing. Less Angeles Express.

Getting to Be a Habit. Another of Carnegie's got-rich-quick young men is to have a di-vorce. The trommaster seems unwit-tingly to have endowed is school for scandal.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Emma Goldman insists that she wants to be hanged. Is there ito sense of chivairy in New York? Why disappoint the woman?—Philadelphia inquirer.

Making Detroit Anxious. Philadelphia is reputed to be slow but there are people in Detroit who would rest easier if the proof wer-stronger.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Where Friends Are Meeded. Much should perhaps be pardoned to the mother of Thay, but his she no friends who can influence her arterances?—Springfield Republican,

Makes Li Sum Lie Some. Editor Li Sum Ling of Peking must show his copy to a censor before com-menting upon the action of Japan in

One disadvantage about having Seth Low for amice after to Ebyland would be that it works be so burd to tell him from an Englishman.-Boston Globe.

Next to wheat and corn limelight is the cases product of Gov. Haskell's state and Gov. Haskell is always in it.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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